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C O N F I D E N T I A L MADRID 4080

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SP, CH, UR

SUBJ: PRC INQUIRY ABOUT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SOVIETS

1. MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS TOLD POLITICAL COUNSELOR JUNE 11 THAT PRC AMBASSADOR HAD CALLED ON HIM SHORTLY AFTER EARLY JUNE VISIT OF PRINCE JUAN CARLOS TO HELSINKI AND SAID THAT HE WAS PREOCCUPIED BY REPORTS THAT SPAIN MIGHT BE MOVING TOWARD FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SOVIET UNION. PRC AMBASSADOR THEN SOUGHT CLARIFICATION OF LOCAL PRESS SPECULATION THAT PRINCE JUAN CARLOS' MEETINGS IN HELSINKI WITH SOVIET AMBASSADORS SIGNALLED IMMINENT RESUMPTION OF SPANISH-SOVIET DIPLOMATIC TIES.

2. MFA OFFICIAL STATES HE INFORMED CHINESE THAT THE PRINCE'S MEETINGS SIGNIFIED NO MAJOR CHANGE IN SOVIET-SPANISH RELATIONS, ADDING THAT SPAIN WILL ULTIMATELY RE-ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH USSR BUT THAT THIS WILL COME IN "ITS OWN GOOD TIME".

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3. COMMENT: SPECULATION ON DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH SOVIETS  
IS A RECURRENT PHENOMENON HERE -- WHAT ONE MFA OFFICIAL  
DESCRIBES AS A "DIPLOMATIC LOCH NESS MONSTER", WHICH  
IS UNUSUALLY STIMULATED BY ANY REPORTS OF ADDITIONAL  
SPANISH CONTACTS WITH SOVIETS. LATEST WAVE OF SPECULATION  
WHICH HAS ALARMED CHINESE MOST PROBABLY ATTRIBUTABLE NOT  
ONLY TO PRINCE'S CONTACTS IN HELSINKI BUT ALSO TO  
ANNOUNCEMENT THAT SPANISH DELEGATION WILL BE VISITING  
MOSCOW SOON FOR MEETING OF SPANISH-SOVIET ECONOMIC  
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